Washington, D. C.
Oct. 13th 1871.

To
Prof. Jno. Torrey,
96 St. Marks Place.
New York.

TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Dear Sir:

I have a small collection of plants, collected during the last year under the direction of the late Capt: J. W. Gunnison, U.S.A. while in charge of a reconnoissance for a railway from Ft Leavenworth via the Kansas and Arkansas rivers to Pueblo Ft.: and thence by the Huerfano river & Sangre de Cristo pass to the valley of San Luis; and west from this valley to Grand & Green rivers, and into the Great Basin in the vicinity of the Sevier or Nicollet lake: I have also a few

collected by the expedition under my charge, from Great Salt Lake directly west to the Sacramento valley in California, during the present season.

I am not aware that this collection contains anything new or remarkable in fish. The notes of Captain Simpson's collector are in German (requiring translation) - so that I can know but little of the collection than I otherwise should.

I am now engaged in preparing reports of the results just designated, and am desirous of having your opinion in the classification and disposition of the botanical collection - upon such terms and conditions as are usual in like cases - should it be agreeable to yourself.

Very respy. Sir,

Your obdt. Svt.

E. G. Beckwith
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Washington. D. C.
Nov 3d 1854.

TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
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Dear Sir:

I have had the pleasure to receive your letter of the 1st Inst. relating to the Report and illustration of the collection of plants now in your hands. I shall be pleased to receive the report you propose, associated with Prof. Gray, to make — and such drawings of plants as you designate.

I am not now at liberty to contract for the engraving, but if practicable will endeavor to effect the arrangement you propose for it.

Very truly Yours

E. L. Hamilton

Prof. Jno. Torrey
96 St. Mark's Place
New York

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Washington D.C.
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Prof. J. Torrey.

Dear Sir.

I had the pleasure yesterday of receiving your report. I will see Prof. Baird as soon as my health will allow me to go out, with regard to the size of the drawings. He spoke to me of them a few days since, but perhaps I did not correctly understand him. I requested him however to write to you.

To contract has yet been made for the engraving, but I will endeavor to comply with your suggestions so far as my recommendations will go.

I will write to you again when I shall have seen Prof. Baird, and will see you during your visit

to this city.

I enclose you a draft for $200. on the Treasurer of the U. S. and also the usual duplicate accounts for your signature, which you will oblige me by signing and returning by mail.

I am with much respect, Sir,
Your obdt. Svt
E. J. Burnett

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Washington D.C.
Janᵧ. 22ᶜ 189-.

Prof. John Torrey.
New York.

TORREY BOTANICAL CLUB EXCHANGE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Dear Sir:

When I wrote to you some three days since I was not able to speak positively of the size of the plates for the illustration of your report, - for it was desirable that they should be uniform with the plates of other reports, the size of which had been established (after consultation with the Secty. of War) by Prof. Baird. I called on the Professor on Saturday and learned, or rather was confirmed in what I had before understood from him, that the plates and drawings which have been executed under his direction, are all of the 4to - or, as he says, of the size of the "Smithsonian plate" with which you are acquainted. It is desirable therefore that the Botanical drawings should correspond to that size. Yours, dear Sir,

TORREY BOTANICAL CLUB EXCHANGE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Yours most obdt. svt.
E. P. Bicknell

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Washington. D.C.
April 5th 1875.

TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Dear Sir:

I am daily expecting to be called upon by the Secretary of War to inform him with regard to the forward condition of the reports in all the branches of the explorations under my charge, and of the time requisite to complete them - and I have, therefore, to request such information with regard to the botanical illustrations being prepared under your direction as will enable me to speak as definitely as possible in regard to them. I am desirous of being relieved from duty here as soon as possible, which must depend, however, much upon the arrangements

ultimately made for engraving maps and illustrations.

Very respectfully,
Your obdt. svt.

E. D. Beckwith

Dr. J. Torrey.
96 Lt. Murray Place
N. Y.

TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

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Washington. D.C.
April 10th. 1855.

Professor Jno. Torrey.
96 St. Nicholas Place.
N. Y.

TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Dear Sir:

It was suggested to me yesterday as being desirable, if possible, to have your report (now in my hands) printed with the octavo 1.500 copy edition of the concluding portion of the rail road matter of my report, which, it is said, is about to be put to press, in order to secure the correction of any errors which, notwithstanding the proof corrections, may be retained in this small edition. This, if done, may perhaps secure the large edition (20.000 4to.) which will be accompanied by the illustrations (which, of course, cannot accompany the one it is now proposed to print) against errors which would otherwise be unavoidable in the bungling operation to which the public printing is here subject. In the correction of errors in the names of localities introduced by the collator where collations are made, I have found a little

trouble myself and think it possible I have consid
the corrections a little too bare in a few instances.
The difficulties which suggest themselves are relate to
"western Arkansas" and "western Texas," for we made
no collections in either not having entered either of
those States. Our explorations upon the Plains lay directly
west from the State of Missouri, by the Kansas river and
Smoky Hill Fork & thence passing over to the Arkansas
river which we ascended nearly to the base of the Rocky
mts. The botanical collections were, however, made upon
this section entirely upon the Santa Fé road, lying between
the Kansas & Osage rivers for 200 miles west of the State
of Missouri, and then following the Arkansas river as above.
All this territory is, of course, now within the limits of
Kansas Territory. Near the Mountains we crossed to the
south side of the Arkansas river and ascended its
tributaries, cutting near the Sierra Blanca (first western
range of the Rocky mts.) by the Sangre de Cristo & Roubideau's
passes into the valley of San Luis (to the head waters of the
Rio Grande del Norte) which is in New Mexico. The mts
immediately west of this valley and river are called the Sierra
San Juan or, sometimes, the Sahwatch mts. in which
the Coochetopa pass is situated. On the western slope
of this pass we came upon the waters of Grand river - a

main tributary of the Colorado of the west. the former rises being in Utah Territory exclusively. On this line we have, I believe, in no instance south of the 38° parallel of north latitude.

The difficulty occurring to me therefore, is whether you suppose our collections (from County-label notes) made in "Western Arkansas and Western Texas", are meant to say that the plants described were also found in those States &c. &c. Supposing your localities refer to our collections above, I at first changed "western Texas & Arkansas" to the upper waters of the Arkansas river, but I am now not quite satisfied that I have not made a mistake in this particular. If so you can correct it. But if the my first impression was correct, then the localities need the change which I had carried nearly through upon any difficulty occurred to me.

In your letter of the 17th Inst. (forwarding your report) you speak of wishing to add ~~a dissert~~ a page to it before printing. If this be still desirable would it not be well to add it before printing the small edition referred to?

The very numerous errors committed by compositors, (and persisted in notwithstanding proof corrections in my own report), make it very desirable that this copy should be, as far as possible, unmistakably plain and legible: and as you are anxious to secure correctness in this respect especially, I will.

thank you, if you can without inconvenience to yourself, to employ a correct and careful copyest to transcribe your report under your own supervision. I have attempted to have it copied myself, but unfortunately have not been able to find any one capable of copying the abbreviations and references correctly, to say nothing of the blunders that were made in names. The usual price paid for copying here, is ten cents per 100. words, which I shall be happy to pay in this instance if done under your supervision and to your satisfaction. I trust I need offer no apology for this request for I should certainly not trouble you with it if I could do your Report justice in any other way.

I desire also when the proof is ready for correction, to forward it to you if agreeable. It will not be for want of effort on my part if the engravings for your report are not entrusted to your supervision, but I must say I am not very sanguine of succeeding in this respect, for, as you are aware, we have no control on the matter further than to request and advise.

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With much respect,
I am, Sir,
Your very obedt Servt
E. G. Squier

P.S. Your favor of the 6th inst. I had the pleasure of receiving on the following day.

Washington, D. C.
May 28th 1895.

Dear Sir:

Your report accompanied by a note dated on the 23rd inst. was rec'd on Saturday and, as requested, I enclose you herewith a draft for copying the same (omitting abbreviations and figures), with a set of vouchers which I will thank you to have signed and returned to me by mail.

Truly yours

E. J. Beckwith

Dr J. Torrey
96 St. Marks Place
N.Y.

TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
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Washington. D.C.
June 9th 1855.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Dear Sir:

Captain Humphreys informs me that he has requested you to permit the expenses of Liddon for the botanical engravings for R. R. reports, for their information as to quantity and style, to the drawings in your hands. Should this proposition be agreeable to you, there will, of course, be no necessity for forwarding to me the drawings for my report - at least at present. And you will doubtless be advised by Captain Humphreys, to whom to submit them when the contract shall have been awarded.

It has occured to me that if

Mr. Purdy was to submit a proposal for the work, to be executed to your satisfaction &c, when would be a strong inducibility of his securing it. I do not know in what form the contract is to be made - whether for furnishing a specified number of copies of the plates, or for their reproduction engraving and printing. If not prepared to execute both, he would doubtless find it easy to provide some one with him and then secure both the profit of the printing and engraving.

If, when the illustrations for my report shall be completed and you can determine their cost, you will inform me of their number and cost of both I will forward you a draft for the payment. Very truly

Dr Yerry - E. J. Durand

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